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## FIRST NATIONS STATISTICAL INSTITUTE MOVES FORWARD WITH APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON

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**OTTAWA, ONTARIO (May 3, 2007)** - Canada's New Government today announced the appointment of Dr. Mark S. Dockstator as the Chairperson of the First Nations Statistical Institute (FNSI) ([external link, opens a new window](#)) .

Dr. Dockstator will lead one of the four First Nation institutions created through the First Nations Fiscal and Statistical Management Act which came into force on April 1, 2006. This First Nation-led initiative established an institutional framework to provide First Nation governments with the practical tools available to other levels of government for modern fiscal and statistical management. These tools include an independent financial management assessment service and a bond financing regime.

"Dr. Dockstator's appointment as Chairperson of the First Nations Statistical Institute will allow the Institute to move forward its mandate of improving the ability of First Nation governments to address the social and economic well-being of their communities," said the Honourable Jim Prentice, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and non-Status Indians. "On behalf of Canada's New Government, I wish to congratulate Dr. Dockstator on his appointment."

The First Nations Statistical Institute will assist First Nations in meeting their information needs and work with Statistics Canada to better represent First Nations in the national statistical system. It will fulfill this mandate by providing First Nations with the statistics necessary to assist in community planning, and work with First Nations and government to improve the accuracy, utility and relevance of data.

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## Biographical Note for Dr. Mark S. Dockstator

Dr. Mark S. Dockstator is a status Indian and a member of the Onyota'a:ka (Oneida) Nation of the Thames. His mother is from the Six Nations reserve and his father is from the Onyota'a:ka Nation of the Thames.

Dr. Dockstator is currently a professor of Indigenous Studies at Trent University, located in Peterborough, Ontario. Professor Dockstator received his doctorate in law from Osgoode Hall Law School, with his dissertation entitled "*Toward an Understanding of Aboriginal Self Government.*" Dr. Dockstator currently teaches in the areas of Indigenous Knowledge, Indigenous Politics and has a specialty in Aboriginal Governance and Indigenous Economic Development.

Prior to teaching at Trent University, Dr. Dockstator owned and operated a number of businesses in Ontario, in addition to being involved with the development of Casino Rama with the Mnjikaning First Nation. Professor Dockstator currently operates a consulting company that specializes in Aboriginal-based research and has been involved in a number of major research projects involving First Nation issues.

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